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SNCO wins best in ACC in MO field

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
9th RW Public Affairs

A Beale Senior NCO was recently honored with an award at the Air Combat Command-level - the 2006 Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence in the Senior NCO category.

Master Sgt. Donald Payne, superintendent of the 9th Mission Support Squadron's Manpower and Organization Flight, was selected over his ACC peers for his quick thinking, adaptability, and commitment to his fellow Airmen and surrounding community, accord-

ing to Capt. Ezra McSharry, the flight's officer-in-charge.

The essential purpose of the manpower and organization flight is to determine the number of manning slots required by work sections to accomplish their missions, Sergeant Payne said. This function is essentially important to the Air Force as the service is in the midst of carrying out a downsizing that will eliminate thousands of Air Force positions.

However, Sergeant Payne emphasizes that the flight's purpose is not to manage actual personnel; just the positions that each section has on their



Master Sgt. Donald Payne, 9th Mission Support Squadron Manpower and Organization Flight superintendent was recently awarded with the 2006 ACC Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence in the Senior NCO category. (Photo by Staff Sgt Zachary Wilson)

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Beale honors military spouses

By 2d Lt. Ashley Peltier
9th RW Public Affairs

There are several days throughout the year that Americans show their support for the armed forces and thank those who wear the uniform for serving and protecting. It's appropriate then, that there is a day that people thank the spouses of those in uniform.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 11 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. This year it is a symposium format and the theme is "Fun and Education to Show our Appreciation."

"Military Spouse Appreciation is a day on which we pause to recognize the contributions, sacrifices and efforts of our spouses," said Greg Simon, Airman and Family Readiness Center consultant.

Military Spouse Day was first celebrated in 1984 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the observance to honor the contributions of military spouses. The military now sets aside the Friday before Mother's Day each year to pay tribute to the spouses who play a vital role in the nation's defense.

The symposium format will allow the spouses to have fun and celebrate with other military spouses in a community atmosphere, with time to socialize, share their experiences, participate in workshops, listen to guest speakers and have lunch together.

Four different classes will be focused on

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Beale Beautification gives base face-lift

By Airman 1st Class
George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron is heading up Beale Beautification week which takes place May 7 through 11.

The drive is an effort to improve Beale's outdoor aesthetic quality for all the people who live and work on base.

"Beale Beautification is an extension of our core val-

ue of excellence in all we do," said Master Sgt. William Covalt, Beale Beautification week assistant manager.

"We want the base to look as good as it possibly can."

According to Candy Dove, 9th Civil Engineer Squadron construction manager, the drive is not just for military members, but for civilian employees and family members as well.

"This is for all of Team

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Brig. Gen. H. D. Pumbo, Jr. is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. (Photo by John Schwab)

Front-line supervisors hold key to success

*By Col. John Borland
9th Mission Support Group
commander*

One of the reasons our Air Force is the best in the world is the training our Airmen receive.

From Basic Military Training and the First Term Airman Center to the Air Force Academy and the Aerospace Basic Course, it's critical to our service that we instill discipline, teamwork, and professionalism in our young Airmen.

We put a tremendous amount of time and energy into recruiting and training the best available individuals, and when you see the spark in the eyes of new graduates, it's clear we are successful in our efforts.

However, it can't end upon graduation. Front-line supervisors must take responsibility for keeping that spark alive when new recruits and graduates report for duty in their work centers. Our newest Airmen want and deserve strong leaders.

How many of you have heard supervisors say, "Forget all that junk you learned in training. This is the real Air Force." These front-line supervisors failed in their responsibility to motivate and mentor you. Front-line supervisors -- NCOs, Company Grade Officers and civilians -- are the key to keeping our Airmen on track and focused

on the mission. If they fail to maintain good order and discipline, then those in their charge are more likely to fail.

I see it constantly. When an Airman's transgressions come to my attention, more often than not his substandard behavior can be traced to a supervisor's failure to maintain standards. Most Airmen do not report for duty with failure in mind. Supervisors set the conditions for success or failure based upon their leadership, or lack thereof. Unchecked lapses in discipline may lead to a slippery slope of bad behavior that could make recovery impossible for the Airman. Showing up late for work and missed appointments must be addressed as unacceptable behavior -- don't give subordinates so much rope that they hang themselves. If you look at successful leaders around you, universally you will find they had excellent supervision and mentorship somewhere along the way.

Many years ago, one of my first mentors was a chief master sergeant in our squadron. During my first two weeks in the unit, he would make comments to me in the hallway when we passed that weren't quite insubordinate, but didn't sit well. I let this slide until he said something that made me snap (I can't remember what). I finally stopped him and told him he was not to

address me that way even though he was at the top of the enlisted corps and I was a new second lieutenant.

The more I yelled the bigger his smile got until he produced a hand receipt with my name on it as if I was his responsibility and said, "I think your going to be ok now, lieutenant."

Supervisors: Reward those Airmen that are performing well. It can't always be a plaque, certificate, or a medal, but a pat on the back and a "job well done" mean a lot. Don't tolerate substandard behavior. Make the tough calls on performance reports and decorations and don't pass the buck up the chain. In addition to getting the job done, you are evaluated on your judgment of your top performers and those that are less than stellar. It's not important that your subordinates like you, only that they respect your position and follow your leadership. The right decision will be made somewhere in the chain of command-let it begin with you.

Senior NCOs, flight chiefs, directors, and squadron commanders: As well as setting the vision for your organization, focus on your front-line supervisors. Ensure you have the right people in charge of the work force and hold them accountable for failure to set and enforce high standards of con-



Col. John Borland

duct. Look after those who make the tough leadership calls -- these are your successors.

Airmen: Live your lives by our Air Force core values; it will make you better warriors and serve you well in life. Don't burn your bridges on the road to advancement -- do your Professional Military Education, get your Community College of the Air Force degree, and focus on performance. I intended to do four years and get out, but a quarter of a century later, I rue the day when I'm forced to leave. Most of all, don't accept mediocre leadership. Demand high standards from yourself, your peers and your supervisors. If your boss tells you to forget all you've learned from training, tell yourself, "I don't think so," and you too will "be ok now."

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The West needs a defense system that works

Commentary by Condoleezza Rice and Robert M. Gates, secretaries of State and Defense

WASHINGTON — Sixteen years after the end of the Cold War, the transatlantic community and Russia are not adversaries. Indeed, on a number of issues, we are partners. We both face a number of common challenges, among the most threatening is the possibility that a dangerous state will use ballistic missiles, tipped with nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, to hold our societies hostage, or worse. Make no mistake. This is a real challenge.

Despite our best efforts, including notable successes in Libya and breaking up the A.Q. Khan network, weapons of mass destruction and missile capabilities continue to proliferate. We sincerely hope that the diplomatic efforts now underway will succeed in addressing the challenges we face from states like North Korea and Iran. We have made some progress with Pyongyang, and though Tehran still defies the international community, there are signs that it is feeling the diplomatic pressure.

However, we cannot guarantee success, and governments have a responsibility to defend their people. The logic of Cold War "Mutual Assured Destruction" does not make sense in today's strategic environment.

Today, we seek security based on more than the grim premise that we can destroy those who seek to destroy us. We need to be clear that the missile threat from Iran is real and growing, and it is a threat not just to the United States, but to Europe and Russia as well. Looking a few years ahead, other such missile

threats will likely emerge as well.

It is with these new realities in mind that we are developing and deploying modest missile defenses. Our goal is to field systems capable of protecting not only the United States and our forces, but also friends and allies like those in the transatlantic community.

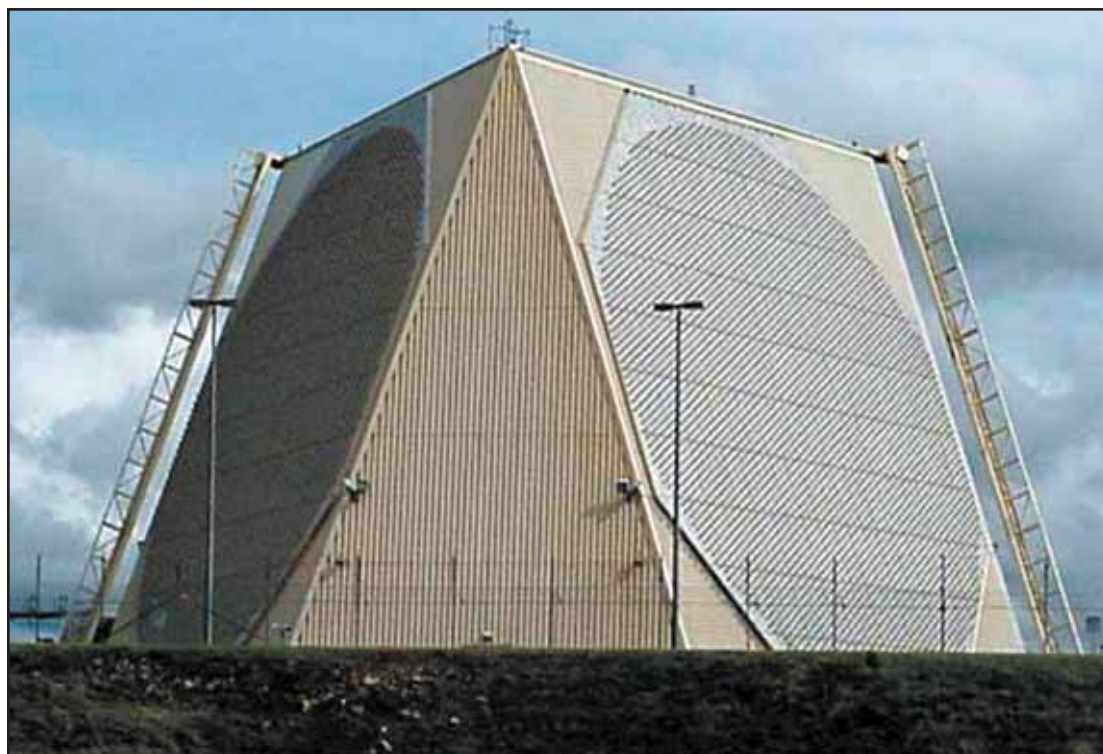
We speak of the transatlantic community because we have learned that our security is not divisible; that if our allies are not secure, America is not secure. America cannot "go it alone." To ensure our common security, we need defenses in place well before a threat fully emerges.

Accordingly, we have approached some of our allies with the idea of deploying limited missile defense capabilities: 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar installation in the Czech Republic. While the United States can defend its own territory without these additional capabilities, fielding them would enable us to extend coverage to most of Europe while providing improved protection at home.

Our strategy is to strengthen our ability to detect, defend against and thus deter a missile attack. Missile defenses are part of contemporary deterrence and promote stability, as we saw last summer, when we activated our system for the first time in response to North Korean missile launch preparations.

In that case, our missile defense system allowed our national leaders to consider a wider, more flexible range of responses to a potential attack.

Effective defenses also reduce incentives for states to acquire missiles in the first place, by undermining their military utility and thus promoting our nonproliferation



The 7th Space Warning Squadron's PAVE PAWS protects the western United States coast against missile threats and is a part of the nation's missile defense system. (Courtesy photo)

goals.

We have come a long way from early programs and tests in the 1980s and '90s. Since 2001, we have had 26 successful hit-to-kill intercepts out of 34 attempts. And 15 of the last 16 flight tests in the past couple of years have been successful. Given this trend of success, we are confident that these systems will work, and that they will represent a practical 21st century solution to the new threat we all face.

The system we have in mind is limited, and the missiles have no warhead at all. It is oriented against a potential enemy with a small arsenal, attempting to blackmail our people, sow chaos and sap our collective will.

Development of such a limited system is realistic. Critics of this approach also should be realistic. This system is of no use against a huge nuclear and ballistic missile arsenal, such as that

possessed by Russia. Talk of a new "arms race" with Russia is anachronistic and not grounded in reality. America and Russia under the Treaty of Moscow are reducing strategic nuclear warheads to levels not seen in decades.

Security should be, must be, discussed in a cooperative, multilateral way. That is why the United States has consulted extensively about our plans over the last few years both with Russia and our allies, including in Moscow, within NATO, and at the NATO-Russia Council, most recently on April 19. NATO and Russia have had good, practical cooperation on theater missile defense for the past seven years. We look forward to continued and expanded cooperation both in NATO and with Russia.

President Bush has reaffirmed to President Putin our desire to cooperate with Russia on missile defense, and a

U.S. delegation offered new proposals for potential partnership with Russia in this area in Moscow on April 17. We both have planned visits to Moscow to follow up and advance our consultations with the Russians. Secretary Gates recently completed a visit on April 24 and Secretary Rice will be visiting next month.

Our collective defense is too important for us to fall prey to scare tactics, slogans from the past or attempts to drive wedges between us. NATO has a role in missile defense. So do bilateral arrangements between America, our allies and hopefully also with Russia.

We all face an emerging common threat, and America has proposed a practical solution. Europe, above all, must know - based on its own modern history — that the time to cooperate is now, not when the threat is imminent.

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Editorial: The way of the Airman warrior

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Throughout history, warriors have served and died for king and country; and they did so following a code.

For the samurai, it was bushido; for knights, chivalry; the musketeers, “all for one and one for all.”

The greatest warriors throughout history understood the concept of serving something bigger than themselves and adhering to their respective codes, which was just as important as the weapons wielded, the battles fought, the wars won.

There is an effort now to hone the image of American Airmen, defining our fighter philosophy, our warfighting ethos. Every single day there are Airmen in combat in ways they never thought they would be.

Like those warriors of old, we Airmen also have a code by which to live.

Our core values are the standards to which we are held. And now we have our Airman’s creed — a statement of beliefs to remind us all how we fight, why we fight and for what we fight.

Traditionally, it was our officers who conducted the majority of our combat roles, but our enlisted forces were never mere squires, and certainly today, the enlisted corps stands shoulder to shoulder with every lieutenant and every general in the fight.

Airmen of every rank are deployed around the world right now, and there are higher expectations of them than ever as they perform their jobs in a war zone.

Here at home, we have even more work to do, as we perform not only our usual jobs, but also also compensate for the lack in manpower. We aren’t there, on the front lines. Instead, we are here, on our own front lines, fighting the fight in a different way.

That makes us no less part of the fight. We carry on in their absence, and we await their return, until it is our turn to deploy.

The Air Force may not have a standard infantry force, but our sister services don’t possess the diverse amount of air, space and cyberspace operational tools we employ.

And that’s the point. The Army isn’t tasked with flying F-15E Strike Eagles into a hostile area to provide combat air support. The Navy isn’t charged with launching the Delta V rocket into space or providing daily air superiority over the United States. The Marines don’t ensure the defense of our nation’s satellite and network systems.

These are all missions which make the Air Force unique within the armed forces. And because it takes everyone within the Air Force to make those missions successful, how can we not all be considered warriors?

More than fighting, being a warrior is a state of mind, a sense of pride in accomplishments and how a victory is achieved. The Air Force has its mission, its code and its people.

Every Airman operates on par, not only with every Soldier, Sailor and Marine in the armed forces, but also with samurai, knights and musketeers from throughout history.

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dealing with personal finances, parenting, marriages and a personality assessment. Speakers include, Adrienne Bankert, KCRA-3 News traffic correspondent, and Kevin McMahon, nationally acclaimed author and speaker.

“We were very surprised at the speakers who will be participating,” Mr. Simon said. “We are very grateful to those who have made financial donations to assist us in hosting this event.”

Mr. McMahon will be presenting “That’s the Ticket”; a uniquely positive approach to parenting that has proven successful in addressing proactive parenting at a number of other military installations who deploy frequently.

Below are a few of the many reasons to thank their spouse, according to Arlene Hull, LIFELines contributor:

* For the times they’ve stood and watched the car leave home, the plane take off or the bus pull out of sight, not sure when they would return.

* For the countless household moves from a known place to one that’s strange and different, often by themselves.

* For the families they’ve held together, and for the anniversaries, birthdays and holidays they’ve celebrated alone.

* For the hand they’ve extended to another military spouse when the need was there, truly creating a military family.

* For the spirit and strength they’ve shown when their servicemember has gone into harm’s way.

* For the pride they’ve displayed while serving as an ambassador of the military spouse to the rest of the world.

All spouses are invited to attend and the first 80 spouses who register will receive a parenting kit. Additionally, childcare will be provided as well as refreshments and lunch.

“Our mission and lifestyle are incredibly unique, especially in the light of the experiences we share and the commitment our military spouses make,” Mr. Simon said. “With the operations tempo ever increasing, the Air Force depends on families and their support as never before.”

To register or for more information, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 634-2863.

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sgt. April Castro

Unit: 9th Reconnaissance Wing

Job: Chaplain assistant

Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif.

Air Force goals: To help as many people as I can along the way, and learn from each of them at the same time

Time in the Air Force: Six years

Hobbies: Snowboarding, hiking, bike riding, swimming, building

things, and spending time with friends and family

The thing I like best about

Beale AFB: The location, because everywhere you turn to look there are always places to go, like the mountains, lakes, rivers, ocean, etc.



Staff Sgt. April Castro is a chaplain assistant with the 9th Reconnaissance Wing chapel. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann)

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unit manning documents.

"As we get smaller as a force, our operations tempo keeps rising," Sergeant Payne said. "Our challenge is to figure out how we can carry out our missions with less and do it smarter. It can be very challenging."

In addition to performing his duties as the senior NCO in his flight, Sergeant Payne also took on the challenging task of acting as the 9th MSS' first sergeant for four months during turnover, Captain McSharry added.

The 23-year Air Force veteran from Tucson, Ariz., has served in the career field for nearly eight years after cross-training from his previous job as an aircraft maintainer in the electrical and environmental specialty.

"I've always been a maintainer at heart, but I realized the benefits of joining the Manpower career field would be beneficial if I decided to continue in that path after retiring from the Air Force," Sergeant Payne said.

Some of the high-profile challenges Sergeant Payne has taken on included the creation of the first Global Hawk squadron in 2005 where manpower had to work with squadron leadership to determine the needs of a unique squadron the Air Force had never seen before. He also was instrumental in assisting at the base-level with the downsizing of the Air Force as a result of Presidential Defense Budget 720, Captain McSharry said.

Among the interesting aspects of the manpower and organization career field is the requirement to have a working familiarity with each Air Force Specialty Code assigned within their unit.

"We don't have to be subject-matter experts on all the jobs in the Air Force, but we do have to know how to interpret and extract information about each career field's reports before we report to ACC," Sergeant Payne said. "This job is definitely based upon personal experience."

Sergeant Payne also said that while the job requires a lot of institutional knowledge gained through career development courses and familiarity with the AFSC's Air Force Instructions, years of knowledge and back-

ground are what make a manpower and organization professional effective.

"You have to be able to fall back on that just as much as you would the actual book knowledge because sometimes the answer to a problem is not always black and white," he said. "Sometimes you have to work outside of the box and figure out how to meet commander needs and come up with a solution rather than just giving a 'no' answer. That is our challenge."

Competing against the Senior NCOs in his career field across the entire command required Sergeant Payne to not only be proficient in his day-to-day job but also represent the "whole Airman concept" that is so valuable when competing against peers in a tight race, Captain McSharry said.

"He definitely demonstrated the Air Force core value of 'Service Before Self' through his irreproachable contributions and countless given" to a variety of organizations, Captain McSharry said.

"He has raised money for cancer survivors, the disabled, homeless children and local veterans," he continued. "He also supported Beale's Operation Warmheart, which generated over \$5,000 for Beale Airmen and their families."

In addition to being the recipient of numerous Senior NCO of the quarter awards at the squadron and group levels over the past year, Sergeant Payne also gave his time and expertise to help mentor NCOs and Senior NCOs through enhancement seminars created to bridge gaps that occur between mandated professional military education classes.

Sergeant Payne is only two classes away from graduating with a bachelor's degree in technical management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is beginning to think about life outside of the Air Force after a successful career.

"I feel the skills that I have learned in this job will really help me on the outside but I really want to think about getting back into aircraft maintenance in the civilian sector. We'll have to see," he said.

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Beale," Ms. Dove said. "Whether you're military or civilian, it's your building, it's your flight line, let's take care of it."

Efforts of the drive focus not only on work centers, but on housing as well.

People who live next to vacant houses can help by mowing unattended lawns, Ms. Dove said. There will also be flower vouchers and tools available at the U-fix-it store.

Tools and supplies such as paint, brushes, weed fabric, mulch, power washers, hand tools, work gloves and trash bags will be available at the self help store for improvements to work centers. Items for housing can use can be signed out at the U-fix-it store.

"Beale Beautification week is an opportunity for us all to show pride in this phenomenal national resource entrusted to us called Beale Air Force Base," said Col. John Borland, 9th Mission Support Group commander. "Most of us spend the majority of our walking time during the week right here in our work centers and there's no reason to tolerate degrading infrastructure if we can all pitch in to make it better. It all comes back to readiness; pride improves morale and high morale increases wartime readiness -- it's that simple."

Individuals wanting a list of approved plants can contact Master Sgt. William Covalt at 634-5435. For more information on the self help store call self help at 634-3770.

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Community Briefs

Military Spouse Symposium

The Military Spouse Symposium, "Fun and Education to Show our Appreciation" is scheduled for Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The symposium will include a workshop with The Parenting Game, "That's the Ticket" with Kevin McMahon among other workshops. The first 80 military parents who register will receive a free parenting game. Free child care will be provided on site but registration is required. To RSVP or for more information, call 634-2863 by May 8.

Cinco de Mayo festival

The Hispanic Heritage Club has scheduled a Cinco de Mayo festival for tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Recce Point Club. A youth salsa performance, games and prizes will be included.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Alesscia Vinton at 634-2720.

Flower voucher program

The flower voucher program is now underway for family housing residents. The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing flight is issuing flower vouchers, valued at \$30, to residents for the purchase of flowers at the Base Exchange through June 2. Vouchers are issued at the U-Fix-

It store, located in the housing area at 5140-D Flamingo Court, off West Garyana Drive. Vouchers can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call the housing office at 634-2793.

Available NAF positions

The following Non Appropriated Fund positions are currently available at Beale: Child development program assistant, food service worker, cashier and checker, food service worker, bartender, waiter, cook, custodial worker, sundry clerk, custodial worker leader, recreation assistant, laborer, training specialist, swim instructor, lifeguard and school-age program assistant.

For more information, call 634-2316.

Watering schedule

The lawn watering schedule is now being enforced. Odd numbered home lawns can be watered on odd numbered days and even numbered home lawns can be watered on even numbered days.

No watering is permitted on the 31st day of any month.

Watering is permitted between the hours of 5 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call the housing office at 634-2793.

Give Parents a Break

Give Parents a Break, free childcare given to qualifying individuals on the second Saturday of every month for six hours, is scheduled for tomorrow at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Speak to your first sergeant, chapel representative or life skills center for a referral.

Wingman Training

Wingman training is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Learn to be an outstanding wingman to a Team Beale member on their return from deployment.

For more information or to register, call 634-2863.

Hearts Apart dinner

A Hearts Apart dinner is scheduled for Thursday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Contrails Inn Dining Facility. For more information or to RSVP, call 6347-2863.

Women Infant Children

A Women Infant Children meeting is scheduled for May 15 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This is a county-run program offered by appointment only.

For more information or questions, call 749-4830.

Safety fair band

Beale's Wing Safety office is inviting any Team Beale members who play in a band to perform at the Safety Fair on May 18. Four bands will be selected on a first come basis and will perform for 25 minutes between 12:15 and 2 p.m. All applicants must use their own equipment and provide a list of songs and lyrics to be approved for play. For more information, call 634-8874.

Mother's Day chocolate bouquets

Mother's Day chocolate bouquets, hand-made by the 9th Services Squadron booster club, are being sold for \$5 per dozen. These bouquets can be preordered Wednesday and will be delivered by Friday. For more information, call Staff Sgt Mary Clark at 634-2766.

Mega case lot sale

The Beale commissary mega case lot sale is scheduled for May 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info visit www.commissaries.com or call 634-2422.

Beale deer hunt

The annual Beale deer hunt is tentatively scheduled for August 18 through

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November 5. The lottery to select the hunters for this year will be held May 17 at 10 a.m. in the Environmental flight conference room in building 2561. Prospective deer hunters must have a California hunting license and California Department of Fish and Game deer tag application with G7 filled in as their first choice. The deer tag application must be submitted to the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental flight office at 6601 B Street, no later than one hour before the May 17 drawing. For more information or questions, call 634-4398 or 634-2738.

Breastfeeding support group

A free Breastfeeding Support Group is open to all women and children Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Foothills Chapel. For more information, call Julie Mathews at 788-7660.

Airmen's attic

The Airmen's Attic is now open and has moved behind the Omni. Hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and the attic now serves E-7s and below and O-1 to O-3s. The attic will also be open the last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. An all ranks day is scheduled for the last Friday of every month.

For more information, call the attic at

634-5640 or after hours at 788-2993.

Bible drive

The Beale Chapel is sponsoring a Bible drive to collect used Bibles. To donate a Bible, drop them off at either the Foothills or Valley chapel.

For more information, call Cindy Stremel at 788-9767.

Housing development program

The Air Force Sergeants Association has united with Mercy Housing to improve neighborhoods and stabilize lives. Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. volunteers from Team Beale can assist local low-income families build their own homes.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Bright at 634-8872.

BAADD volunteers needed

Want to save a life? Beale Airmen Against Drunk Driving is in need of volunteers.

To volunteer or for more information, call 634-5555 or 634-5700.

Beale blood drive

The next Beale blood drive is scheduled for May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Matthew Manning at 634-8435.

Customer Appreciation Day

The Beale supply store will be holding a Customer Appreciation Day on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 19501 Edison Ave., Building 1086, Room 494. There will be free give-aways and refreshments.

For more information, call 634-8286.

APAH month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month and Beale is celebrating in many ways. A car wash will be held May 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Base Exchange parking lot. A food fair will be held May 16 at 11 a.m. at the commissary. A heritage luncheon is scheduled for May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recce Point Club.

For more information, call Grace Patterson at 634-9351 or e-mail at grace.patterson@beale.af.mil.

New Parent Support Program

The New Parent Support Program helps new parents overcome challenges by providing books, information, and resources to help through the first three years. For more information, call Roberta Trumm at 634-0626.

Yuba amphitheater volunteers

Yuba amphitheater volunteers are needed. To participate, individuals 21

years old or older need to attend a Training Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol class. Once the training is completed the individual is eligible to volunteer. Every concert that the individual volunteers at, his or her squadron's booster club will receive \$48. The next TIPS class is scheduled for Thursday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Yuba Amphitheater. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Bright at 634-8872.

Retiree luncheon

The next luncheon for military retirees is scheduled for Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Recce Point. The price is \$14 and club members will receive a \$2 discount. The meal includes marinated chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes, balsamic grilled vegetables, rolls with butter and cookie baskets for dessert.

Reservations are required no later than today. For more information, call 634-3104.

Vendor fair

The 9th Contracting Squadron hosts the 2007 Beale Vendor's Fair on May 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. This forum allows local businesses who accept the Government Purchase Card to show Team Beale members what type of service or merchandise they offer.

For more information or questions, call 634-2868.

www.afvclub.com

Beale AFB Chapel Programs Helping You to Stay Spiritually Fit!

Protestant Sunday

0900 Foothills Chapel Praise Service with Nursery
1030 Sunday School at Lone Tree Elementary ages 3 to Adult
1100 Valley Chapel Gospel Service with Nursery

Tuesday

1800 at Foothills Chapel AWANA - Cubbies to T&T with Nursery

Wednesday

0900 at Valley Chapel PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel) with Nursery
1900 at Valley Chapel Bible Study with Nursery

Friday

Monthly Officer Christian Fellowship – POC Capt Stremmel 634-3897
Protestant Youth, Puppet Ministry, Protestant Men – POC Ch Olson 634-4701

Catholic Sunday

0900 Religious Education at Lone Tree Elementary preschool to 12th Grade
1030 Foothills Chapel Mass
1700 Foothills Chapel Mass RCIA, Catholic Youth, Catholic Women/Men, Bible study, Baptisms – POC Leila at 634-4707

Daily

1130 Foothills Chapel Mass except Thursday

Islamic Friday

1300 Valley Chapel Islamic Prayers – POC Ed Helalian at 634-3834

Pagan Saturday

1400 Valley Chapel discussion group – POC George Cloutier 634-8887

*Question may be directed to the Chapel Staff at 634-4701 or 634-4705
Valley Chapel is at 6199 C Street on the main base near the Bowling Alley*

Foothills Chapel is at 15001 Camp Beale Highway in the housing area

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Friday evening Apocalpto (R)

Rudy Youngblood,
Dalia Hernández

Set in the Mayan civilization, when a man's idyllic presence is brutally disrupted by a violent invading force, he is taken on a perilous journey to a world ruled by fear and oppression where a harrowing end awaits him. Through a twist of fate and spurred by the power of his love for his woman and his family he will make a desperate break to return home and to ultimately save his way of life.

Saturday evening No Movie



Wednesday evening Catch & Release (PG-13)

Jennifer Garner,
Timothy Olyphant

After the sudden death of her fiancé, Gray Wheeler finds comfort in the company of his friends: lighthearted and comic Sam, hyper-responsible Dennis, and, oddly enough, his old childhood buddy Fritz, an irresponsible playboy whom she'd previously pegged as one of the least reliable people in the world. As secrets about her supposedly perfect fiancé emerge, Gray comes to see new sides of the man she thought she knew, and at the same time, finds herself drawn to the last man she ever expected to fall for.

Upcoming movie list

Friday, May 11 - Music and lyrics

Saturday, May 12 - Catch & Release

Wednesday, May 16 - Letters From Iwo Jima

**Movies are shown at
the Community Center.
Evening movies play at 6 p.m.
The cost is free.
For more information,
call 634-3165.**

NSPS Q & A

By Gloria Reinhard
NSPS implementation specialist

Q: After job objectives have been established by a supervisor and employee, how often can the job objective be reviewed and/or changed?

A: Job objectives can be changed throughout the rating cycle (e.g., due to a job change, additional duties, promotion, etc); however, job objectives must communicate that portion of a major performance expectation that can be accomplished within the time remaining in the appraisal period. Employees must be under the job objective for a minimum of 90 days to be rated on that objective.

Q: I spiraled into National Security Personnel System on Jan. 21. I learned in the Performance Management Course for employees that my supervisor must conduct an interim review of my job objectives. Is this the only time employees can initiate a job objective review?

A: While only one interim review is mandatory, an employee does not have to wait until the interim review to discuss job objectives with their supervisor. Communication between supervisors and employees is critical to the success of the performance management system; therefore, performance expectations and progress should be the subject of discussion between supervisors and employees throughout the year.

For more information about NSPS, call Gloria Reinhard at 634-8580 or e-mail at gloria.reinhard@beale.af.mil.

HERITAGE CORNER



In this week of Beale history:

* On May 5, 1917 the Army organized the 5th Aero Squadron (now the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron) at Kelly Field, Texas. The squadron trained new pilots to fly the famed JN-4 "Jenny."

In this week of Air and Space history:

* In 1917: In World War I, Maj William "Billy" Mitchell became the first American officer to fly over the German lines. He flew as an observer in a French aircraft.

* In 1946: The Army and Navy adopted a standard system for designating guided missiles and giving them popular names. For designations, four letters would be used: A for air, S for surface, U for underwater, and M for missile. These letters would be mixed in three letter combinations, with the first indicating the missile's origin, the second its objective, and the third its identity as a missile.

* In 1962: Joseph Walker flew the X-15 to a record altitude of 246,750 feet for a piloted aircraft.

* In 1965: After a political crisis flared into a revolution in the Dominican Republic, the United States intervened to protect and evacuate American and foreign citizens. The United States also provided medical aid and other assistance. Tactical Air Command and Military Air Transport Service transports flew 1,702 sorties to airlift 16,000 passengers and 16,086 tons of cargo to the island.

* In 1966: North American pilot Alvin White and Col Joseph Cotton saved the XB-70A (No.2) from disaster. When the landing gear got stuck, Colonel Cotton crawled through the aircraft to reach a relay box. Then, he used a paper clip to short out two malfunctioning terminals and lower the gear.

* In 1973: The Airborne Warning and Control System completed its European evaluation successfully.

* In 1980: The Defense System Acquisition Review Council decided to produce Boeing's AGM-86B as the Air Launched Cruise Missile.

* In 1996: The Air Force revealed the Tacit Blue aircraft that was secretly used until 1985 to test stealth technology. With its 56-foot wingspan, Tacit Blue furnished the technology used to produce the B-2 Spirit bomber.

Heritage question:

In 1963 Strategic Air Command accepted its first Titan II launch facility, at what base and unit?

Answer: the 570th Strategic Missile Squadron, at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Child becomes pilot for a day at Charleston

By Airman Melissa Harper
437th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — A 3-year-old boy became the youngest honorary pilot for the 17th Airlift Squadron as unit Airmen held a Pilot for a Day program April 20 at Charleston Air Force Base.

Zachary Moore was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at 18 months and is undergoing chemotherapy treatment at the Medical University of South Carolina.

He is the son of Capt. Christopher Moore, the 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs chief. Captain Moore said he talked to Lt. Col. Lenny Richoux, the 17th Airlift Squadron commander, a few months ago, but the colonel didn't know Zachary had cancer.

When the colonel found out about it, he wanted his squadron to host the Pilot for a Day program for the child.

The 17th AS spent a week planning and coordinating all the events of the day for Zachary, his parents and his younger sister, Jaden.

Zachary's experience as a pilot for the day began when he met members of the 17th

AS. They showed him a video to explain the base's mission as he sat on his mother's lap. Maj. Brett King, the 17th AS assistant director of operations, then presented Zachary with several items after the video including a squadron coin, squadron stickers, a squadron scarf, pilot wings and a flight jacket. Zachary's flight jacket was slightly too large for him, but they know it will fit him soon.

Captain Moore had taught his son how to challenge everyone in the room with his new squadron coin, and the room was filled with the sound of several Airmen tapping their coins on tables in response to Zachary's challenge.

Zachary was also taken to the C-17 Aircrew Training Center where he got the chance to fly in the simulator. 1st Lt. Jeremy Campbell, a 17th AS pilot, helped Zachary with a successful simulated flight around Charleston.

"I think he enjoyed the simulator the most," said Lieutenant Campbell. "He seemed to have a lot of fun there."

Zachary and his family then went to the fire station on base. He met Sparky,



Zachary Moore practices flying a C-17 Globemaster III in the flight simulator April 20 at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. Members of the 17th Airlift Squadron chose the 3 year old for the Pilot for a Day program because he was diagnosed with cancer at 18 months. Zachary is the son of Capt. Christopher Moore, the 437th Airlift Wing chief of Public Affairs. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Nicholas Pilch)

their mascot, and he also got a tour of the station including an opportunity to sit in one of the firetrucks. From there he was taken on the flightline in one of the firetrucks to tour a C-17 Globemaster III.

"I think this was a great experience for him," said Kimberly Moore, Zachary's mother. "I'm sure he'll talk

about this for days, especially after he takes a nap and recovers from everything he got to do today."

Zachary's day as a Charleston AFB pilot was wrapped up with a picnic. As the 17th AS's honorary pilot, he was invited to attend their squadron picnic after the day's activities as their special guest.

"It's great to have him here to be part of us today," Major King said.

"I think it was really important for us to do this for him after everything he's gone through so far in his young life," Lieutenant Campbell said. "It was an honor to do this for him because he truly deserved this."



Beale celebrates Asian American Pacific Heritage Month



2nd Lt. Jenny Joao, 9th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight officer, performs a hula dance during the Asian American Pacific Heritage cake cutting ceremony at the Base Exchange on Wednesday. (Photo by John Schwab)

*By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs*

May is Asian American Pacific Heritage Month and Team Beale is coming together to share in the rich culture and history of its Asian and Pacific American team members.

Since 1979, each President has proclaimed a national observance in May to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans. The theme of this year's celebration is "Pursuing excellence through leadership, diversity and unity."

"We're celebrating the culture and the leadership of Asian leaders in the United States," said Grace Patterson, president of the Beale Asian American Pacific Heritage Club, which is heading up the celebration at Beale. "The millions of Americans who trace their origins to nations in Asian/Pacific regions have enriched America. Many Asian/Pacific Americans are serving for the cause of freedom and peace around the world."

"The event is a partnership between the civilian and military community to show what Asian/Pacific heritage is all about and to express it in different ways through language and entertainment," said John Cruz, Beale

Asian American Pacific Heritage Club public affairs officer.

Ms. Patterson said the event is for all Team Beale members and is meant to create unity, promote diversity and spread understanding of Asian American and Pacific culture.

Over the course of the month, the Asian American Pacific Heritage Club will hold a series of events to educate and entertain Team Beale. The month kicked off with a cake cutting Wednesday at the base exchange and many more activities are to come.

Activities for the month are as follows:

* Arts and crafts at the Youth Center, May 9, 10, 2:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. Activities include origami, chop sticks, Chinese writing, Hawaiian story telling and lei making.

* Food fair at the commissary, May 16, 1 p.m.

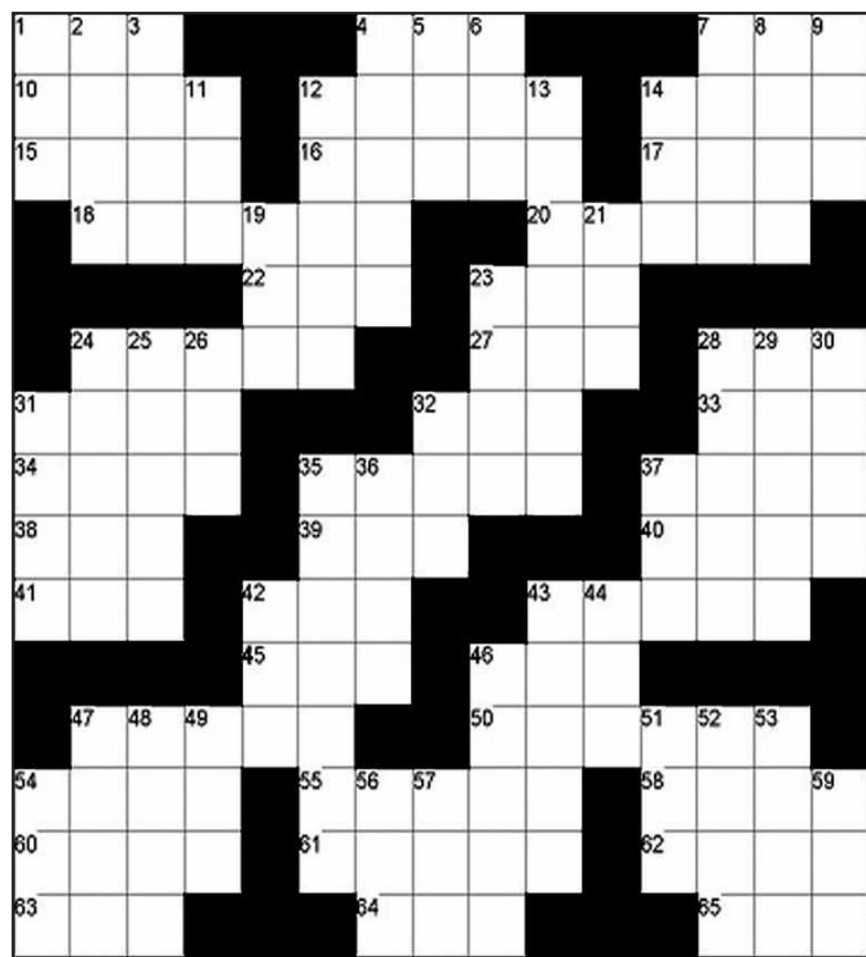
* Heritage luncheon, May 23, 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the Recce Point Club, \$12 for club members \$14 for non-members.

* Car wash fund raiser, May 4, 16, 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. Proceeds to offset cost of festivities.

For more information on Asian American and Pacific Heritage month call John Cruz at 634-8397.

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage

*By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs*



ACROSS

1. Earlier
4. Accountant title, in short
7. Quick rest
10. MG John __; first Chinese-American to attain general rank
12. Michael __; Chinese-American who was youngest Grand Slam winner
14. Malarial fever
15. Weight of wrapping, receptacle, or conveyance containing goods
16. Surpass
17. Hiram __; first American of Asian descent to be elected to U.S. Senate
18. Arthur's wizard
20. Informal term for an Air Force First Sergeant
22. Phoebe __; Asian-American author, strategist and lecturer
23. Greek letter
24. Bazaars
27. Head covering
28. Sandwich order
31. Single-named Japanese-American who found first US Asian-American theater company
32. Commandment
33. NJP less than an Article 15
34. Land measurement
35. Malingering
37. Crazy
38. __ Paolo
39. Amy __; Chinese-American award-winning author
40. Gooney
41. Male offspring
42. Chinese-American architect

famous for the Louvre pyramid

43. Woodworking tool
45. Auger
46. Rep.'s congressional counterpart
47. Daniel __; first native Hawaiian to serve the U.S. Congress
50. Provisions
54. Patsy __; first Asian-Pacific American woman elected to Congress
55. Reigns over
58. Easy __ it
60. Opera piece
61. Eugene __; first Vietnamese-American in space
62. Middle East canal
63. Standard time in fifth time zone west of Greenwich, England
64. Yuan __; Taiwanese-American Nobel Prize chemist
65. Mao __-tung

DOWN

1. Rear of the ship
2. Island included in monthly observance
3. Shrek was one
4. Connie __; first Asian-American to anchor nightly network news
5. Karate Kid's __ Morita; Japanese-American actor
6. Conjunction
7. Haing S. __; Academy Award winning Thai-American actor
8. Female relative
9. Wooden stick

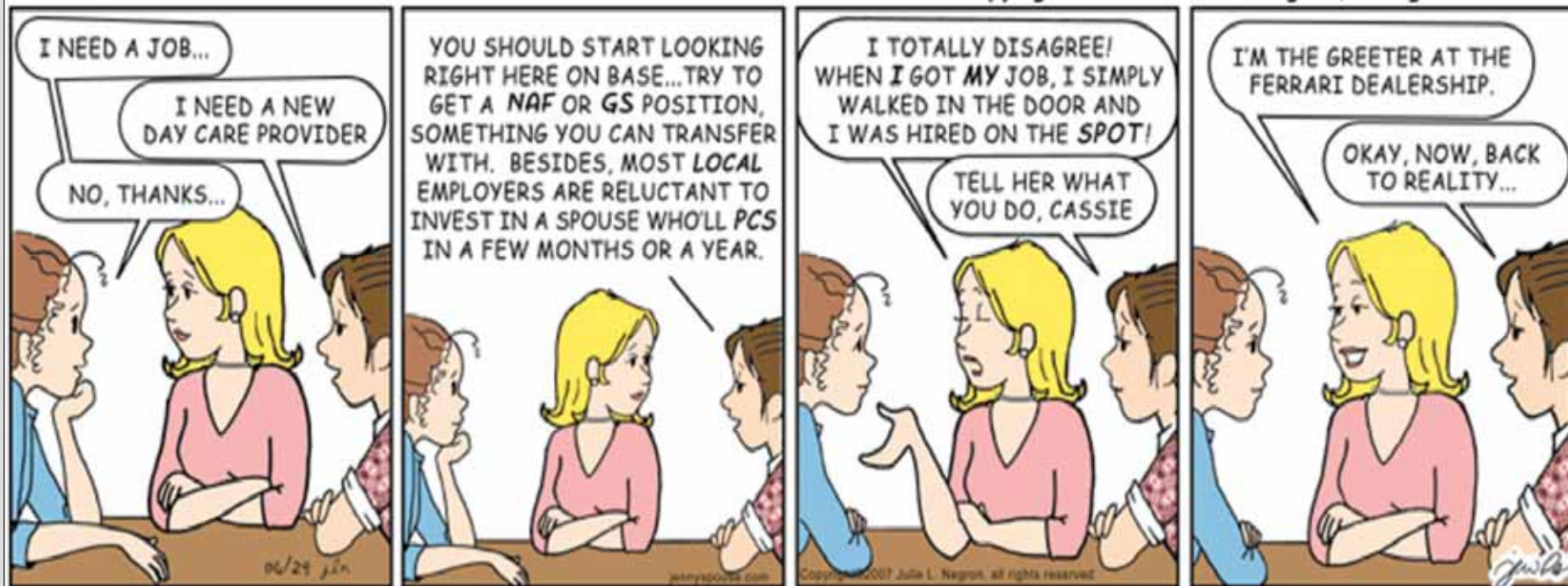
11. Death Becomes __
12. Quarters, dimes and nickels
13. T-45A
14. __ 36-2903 Air Force Dress and Appearance
19. Allow
21. Smack
23. Burn
24. Small SE Asia islands
25. Ohio city
26. Fish eggs
28. Julia __; first Asian-American ambassador in State Dept.
29. Gary __; 1st Chinese-American to be elected a state governor
30. City of the Iliad
31. Weight
32. Maya __; Asian-American architect of the Vietnam Memorial
35. Jean-Luc Picard actor Patrick
36. Greet
37. Radiant shine
42. LPGA Korean golfer Se Ri __
43. Dog need
44. Picnic crasher
46. Play part
47. Broadcasts
48. Sew
49. Alias identifier
51. O'Neil and Harris
52. Cakewalk
53. Observes
54. Actress West
56. Web site address starter
57. Fib
59. Wilbur __; first Chinese American officer in USMC

Jenny:

Jenny follows the adventures of a young Air Force spouse determined to overcome the challenges of a military lifestyle. Drawn from the real lives of both contributors and the cartoonist, Jenny's experiences reflect the humor, ingenuity, and sheer determination necessary to be successful as the spouse of an active duty military member. For more Jenny comics, visit <http://www.jennyspouse.com>.

Get a Job

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BAADD 634-5555

JROTC cadets receive U-2 warrior brief

*Commentary by Lt. Col. John Long
9th Operations Group
special projects officer*

There are many unique characteristics about being a U-2 pilot, yet one of the most visible is the fact that each pilot wears a full pressure suit.

Since we operate above Armstrong's Line, we must wear the pressure suit in order to survive in the event the aircraft loses pressurization or the pilot is required to abandon the aircraft while at operational altitude.

About 60 cadets of the Lincoln High School Air Force Junior ROTC were presented a U-2 warrior brief to help them better understand what it is like to fly the a U-2 Dragon Lady.

The hostile environment these aviators are exposed to, the extreme conditions

they must operate in and the locations they must deploy to are all necessary so national and theater commanders can make sound decisions regarding our own safety and security and those of our allies.

The awesome capabilities provided by this asset enables commanders to find, fix, target, track, engage and assess the enemy.

In short, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance is how we find and destroy the enemy.

Lt. Col. Curt Walker captured the attention of the cadets with a brief slide show describing the tremendous team that is required to launch and sustain the aircraft, the hostile environment of the pilot and the many challenges that are associated with this unique aircraft.

In order to help the students visualize

the difficulties each pilot must overcome, myself, assisted by Master Sgt. Chris Thode and Senior Airman Greg Johnson, entered wearing a full-pressure suit.

Colonel Walker explained, while Lt. Col. Long demonstrated, the associated features and unique challenges of operating in the suit; simple items become difficult and require more time.

The demonstration included mission essential items that must be met during long-duration sorties, often in excess of 12 hours.

Such items included the in-flight checklist usage, recording aircraft data onto a green card and how to fulfill personal needs.

As you might expect, during the question and answer session, the cadet group asked the most common questions, for example, "How does the pilot go to the

bathroom while wearing the pressure suit?" or "Does the aircraft fly high enough to be out of reach from enemy ground fire?"

The warrior brief concluded with a historic video slideshow, revealing the early days of the U-2 program, the many challenges of landing the Dragon Lady, and how the aircraft has undergone many upgrades in order to remain relevant for today's Global War on Terrorism.

It is safe to say that each cadet now has a greater appreciation for the many sacrifices that each member of the Armed Forces offers to ensure the freedom of America.

They now have a better understanding of the importance of Beale, the high-altitude environment of the U-2 aircraft and the significance of our motto, "In God We Trust ... All Others We Monitor!"

Beale Airmen Against Drunk Driving 634-5555

May 4 Puzzle Solution



Need Money for College? Air Force Clubs can help

The Air Force Clubs knows it takes more than ambition, good grades and great numbers on the SAT to get into college these days.

That's why for the past several years, Clubs has been assisting club members and their family members in its annual scholarship program.

"This will be our eleventh year," said Frank Black, Chief Air Force Clubs Division, HQ Air Force Services Agency. "We provide \$25,000 in scholarships that is sponsored in part by Chase Bank and Coca-Cola." (No Federal Endorsement of Sponsor Intended)

According to Mr. Black, the scholarship program is a great benefit for Air Force Club members.

This is an exclusive club member program," he said, "only club members and their family members are eligible. This includes the members spouse, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter. Grandchildren are also eligible, if they are dependents of the club member."

Applicants for the scholarships must have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall term as well as part or full-time students. Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum. In addition, applicant must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter.

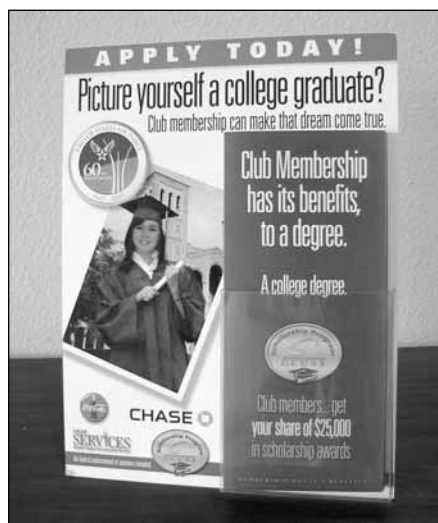
Awarding of scholarship money is based on a written essay. With the celebration of

Air Force's 60th birthday, Air Force Clubs Division selected "Why is air superiority critical today" as this year's topic, and each entrant is required to submit an essay of no more than 500 words. This requirement is strictly enforced. Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) are disqualified.

Essays are submitted to the base Services Commander / Division Chief by June 15, 2007. Final scholarship awards for the upcoming school year are announced each October. Six individuals receive a combined total of \$25,000.

Lauren Post, a 2006 scholarship recipient from Shaw AFB, SC, said "By winning the Air Force Club Scholarship, my transition to college was wonderful. Instead of worrying about student loans, my Club Scholarship significantly assisted me with paying the cost of books and tuition my entire first semester. This left me with fantastic opportunities to excel in my studies and greatly reduced the burden of college expenses. Thank you Air Force Clubs!"

For more information about the Air Force Club Membership



Six scholarships totaling \$25,000 will be awarded to enrolled part-time or full-time students for the Fall 2007 academic year.

Scholarship Program visit www.afclubs.net. The Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program is just one more way to show that club membership pays!

Stop by the **Recce Point Club, Hub Zemke Library** or the **Community Center** and pick up a brochure with more information and an application.

GREAT OUTDOOR adventures!

ALL TRIPS AND TICKETS ARE OPEN TO MILITARY & DoD CIVILIANS

After-work Hiking Clinic & Beale Falls Hike

May 10th • 4:30 pm – Dark

Cost: FREE **SIGN UP DEADLINE 5/8**

Interested in hiking? This free 30-minute instructional clinic will provide you with some great information on packing for easy day hikes through weekend treks and more. A handout will be provided showing several great hiking locations, as well as a gear list. Afterwards, we will head up to Beale Falls, located just a short distance off the base for an evening hike and some great camaraderie. Enjoy blooming flowers and rushing falls created from the recent snowmelt run off. Bring a hydration pack, healthy snacks or even a light meal to enjoy at our final destination! Fun for all ages!

White Water Rafting

May 12th • 9:00 am – 6:30 pm

Cost: \$45 **SIGN UP DEADLINE 5/9**

Join OAC for a full day of white water rafting down the South Fork of the American River. All safety equipment and transportation is provided.

San Francisco/ Golden Gate Park

May 12 • 7:30am – 8:00pm

Cost \$25 Adults \$15 Children (13 & under)

SIGNUP DEADLINE 5/9

Explore one or more of the many fabulous attractions located on the grounds of this enormous park. The new de Young Museum features art from around the world with dramatically integrated and stunning architecture. The Legion of Honor featuring 4,000 years of ancient and European art. Stroll through the world-class Japanese Tea Garden featuring an authentic pagoda, a monumental Buddha, waterfalls, koi-pond and Japanese-style tea house. Other venues include the Conservatory of Flowers, Botanical Garden, the Arboretum or Stow Lake and can rent a paddle boat for a leisurely afternoon paddle. Bring a picnic blanket and lunch for this trip.

Sail the San Francisco Bay-Mother's Day Special

May 13th • 6:30 am – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$45 **SIGN UP DEADLINE 5/8**

Give Mom a Mother's Day she will never forget! Depart the Presidio Yacht Club for a 4-hour journey aboard a 30' sailboat, sailing the magnificent and scenic San Francisco waterfront, Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge. After the voyage, you will be given some time to enjoy the historic Fort Mason area before departing for home. This trip includes roundtrip transportation, sailing and a special gift for Mom!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER • 634-2054

Youth Center



SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

May 1st-11th • Ages 5-18

\$40 members, \$50 non-members

Beale Barracudas compete in the Golden Valley Swim League. (Must know how to swim.)

>>Swim Coaches Needed! Call 634-2142<<

YOUTH CENTER • 634-4953

2007

18 events... 4 quarters... **1 WINNER!**

Beale Cup May Events:

Thurs, May 10th:

PADDLE, PEDAL & PANT RELAY

8:00 AM Upper Black Welder Lake

Thurs, May 17th:

PT CHALLENGE

8:00 AM Harris Fitness Ctr

Thurs, May 24th:

JOUST, TUG-O-WAR

1:00 PM Base Running Track

STRONGEST MAN/WOMAN

FASTEST MAN/WOMAN

1:00 PM Base Running Track

UPDATED SCHEDULE • CALL FOR MORE DETAILS

Harris Fitness Center • 634-2258

STAR WARS

BLOCK PARTY

Tues, May 8th • 5:00-7:30 PM

Adults \$4, Kids 3-15: \$1

Food - Bounce House - Activities

Drawings for Prizes

Community Center • 634-3140

Poetry contest a literary success

The Beale Library Poetry Contest came to a successful conclusion Thursday evening April 26 when eight of the ten first and second place winners read their prize winning poems; approximately 32 people were in attendance. After the reading refreshments were served and winners were awarded prizes of cosmic bowling coupons for the youth, courtesy of Beale Lanes, and the adult winner a \$25 AAFES gift card; books and videos were also offered as prizes. Each poetry winner will also be receiving an award certificate and their poems will be published in the *High Flyer*.

Hub Zemke Library Poetry Contest Winners

1st-4th Grades Tied for First Place:

Emily Glaccum, age 8, Second Grade "The Ball"

Julia Glaccum, age 10, Fourth Grade "Swimming Imagination"

5th-8th Grades Tied for First Place:

Ariana Collins, Fifth Grade "Seashore"

Ashley King, age 14, Seventh Grade (Written in 6th Grade, at age 13):
 "A Minute in the Life of a Soldier"

5th-8th Grades Second Place:

Arielle Khosla, age 10, Sixth Grade "The Lighthouse"

9th-12th Grades First Place:

Sarah Orpurt, Eleventh Grade "If You Love a Woman"

Adult First Place:

SSgt Valerie Jones, "I love the Feelings I have Inside"

Tied for Second Place:

Pam Carraway, "Seasons"

Alanna Christina Cherry, "War"

SSgt Jason J. Parkinson, "Dragon Lady"

SSgt Valeria Jones • Adult First Place *I love the feelings I have inside*

I love the feelings I have inside

My tummy is getting harder to hide

My belly is round and clothes are tight

Bending down to tie my shoe is often a fight

The miracle of life growing day after day

My bundle of joy will soon be on his way

The sudden kicks let me know he is there

A feeling so different and oh so rare

Diapers, wipes, bottles, clothes and more . . .

Has us going in circles inside of the store

I can't wait until he gets here to see his face

We will hold him close with our warm embrace

Bringing a child into this exciting place

Brings a smile to every parents face!



Beginning Genealogy Classes

Learn how to use the internet to trace family history, and to create a Family Tree!

May 5th- 11:00 AM

May 10th- 6:00 PM

May 12th- 11:00 AM

Hub Zemke Library • 634-2314

Tickets Now Available

GIANTS TICKETS

MAY 5 vs. Philadelphia Phillies 12:55 PM, \$27

SEP 8 vs. LA Dodgers Time TBA, \$30

OAKLAND A'S

MAY 19 Oakland A's vs. SF Giants, \$18

JUN 16 Oakland A's vs. St. Louis, \$18

SEP 29 Oakland A's vs. LA Angels, \$10

SLEEP TRAIN CONCERTS

JUN 18 Gwen Stefani, 7:30 PM, \$27.00

JUL 3 Kenny Chesney, 7:00 PM, \$41.75

AUG 4 RUSH, 7:00 PM, Cost TBA

AUG 23 Vans Warped Tour, 12:00 PM, \$21.75

*NO SERVICE CHARGE & LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE.

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Mother's Day Brunch

Carnations for all the Moms

At the Recce Point Club

May 13th, 2007 • 10:30 am-2:00 pm

Do something special for Mom, and take her to the Club for a scrumptious meal.

Club Members: \$14⁹⁵ per adult

Non-members: \$16⁹⁵ per adult,

\$5 per child (6-10 yrs). FREE 5 and under.

MENU ITEMS

Scrambled Eggs • Bacon • Sausage • Home Fries

Biscuits/Gravy • Waffles • Omelet Station

Carving Station with Ham and Roast Beef • Gourmet Salad Bar

Peel and Eat Shrimp • Chicken Parmesan

Portabella Mushroom Lasagna • Chicken Marsala w/Linguine

Roasted Potatoes • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy • Rice Pilaf

Vegetable Medley • Chocolate Covered Strawberries

>> SPECIAL KIDS BUFFET LINE <<

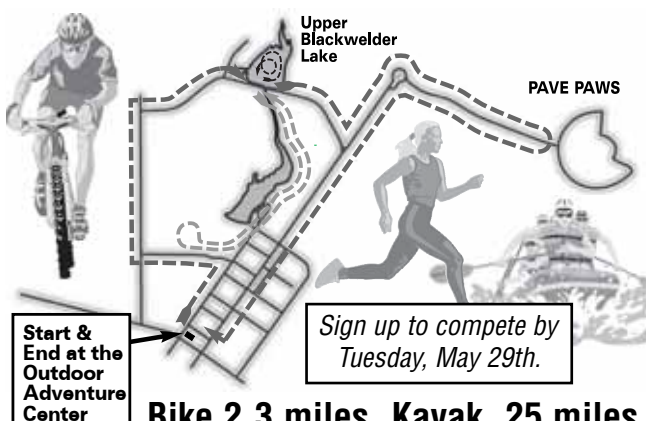
Recce Point Club • 634-4948

RECCE CHALLENGE ADVENTURE RACE

BIKE • PADDLE • RUN

THURSDAY • MAY 31, 2007

8:00 AM at the Outdoor Adventure Center



Bike 2.3 miles, Kayak .25 miles,
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Nursing: Profession, passion celebrated

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National Nurses Week is celebrated annually May 6 to 12 throughout the United States. This year, the American Nurses Association has selected "Nursing: A profession and a passion" as the theme for 2007. The Air Force celebrates nurses week by also honoring highly trained medical technicians or "medics" who are a vital part of the nursing team.

During nurse appreciation week, the Beale clinic will be taking part in the festivities with internal celebrations, photo poster displays, visual presentations and a proclamation from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing vice commander.

Annually, National Nurses Week is celebrated in May -- the birth month of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. Florence Nightingale was commissioned by the British government in the 1860s to mitigate the horrors of the Crimean war, prevent disease and save lives. She worked diligently using her nursing and statistical skills to demonstrate that improved sanitary conditions would reduce mortality.

She reduced infection and death rates by 42 percent for soldiers during that war. She is also credited with formalizing nursing education and developing the nursing profession.

A few other influential military nurses include the legendary writer Walt Whitman who wrote about his experiences during the Civil War as well as Clara Barton who founded the American Red Cross. Recently made famous were a group of seven medics known as the Kirkuk Seven.

These seven nurses and medical technicians provided superb care to two injured Iraqis who later provided coalition forces with information leading to the capture of Saddam Hussein.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. From

bedside nursing in hospitals, flight nurses and medics in aircraft, to clinic nurses and school nurses, to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society. In fact, advance practice nurses and nurse practitioner's in all fields help to close the gap in the health care provider shortages.

Continuously ranked number one as the most trusted profession in America, nurses will be celebrating their heritage and drawing attention to the national nursing shortage which is predicted to hit roughly one million by 2010.

Nursing has come a long way and has continued to significantly impact the health of wounded warriors.

Thousands of nurses served in every war since the Crimean war. The Vietnam Memorial and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery pays tribute to their contributions and sacrifices.

Air Force nurses remain the most educated nurses in the country. Entry into the Air Force Nurse Corp requires a four year degree. A large number of Air Force nurses have their master's degree as well as a specialty certification.

The goal at the 9th Medical Group during the week is to raise awareness of the many roles nurses play in the military healthcare system as well as their accomplishments. The Air Force offers many unique opportunities for nurses to include experience in bedside or outpatient nursing, as well as advanced roles as nurse practitioners, midwives, anesthetists, health care integrators, administrators, and commanders to name a few.

Today there are over 3,800 nurses and 22,000 medical technicians in the Air Force serving our country.

Many of these warriors served on the front lines of care transporting the most seriously ill and injured from the front lines to staging hospitals and then to American military medical centers.